

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An inkjet recording head comprising:

a nozzle plate having nozzles for discharging ink droplets arranged in a row;

5 a plurality of pressure generating chambers communicating to the nozzles, the plurality of pressure generating chambers including a first pressure generating chamber and a second pressure generating chamber;

10 a diaphragm formed on one face of the pressure generating chamber;

a common ink chamber for supplying the ink via an ink supply passage to the plurality of pressure generating chambers; and

a piezoelectric element for displacing the diaphragm;

15 wherein the first pressure generating chamber is disposed on one side of the nozzles arranged in the row, and a second pressure generating chamber is disposed on the other side; and

the first and second pressure generating chambers are opposed to each other across the nozzles arranged in the row  
20 so that the central lines of the first and second pressure generating chambers are almost coincident.

2. The inkjet recording head according to claim 1,

wherein the central line between the adjacent nozzles  
25 and the central line between the first and second pressure

generating chambers are almost coincident.

3. The inkjet recording head according to claim 1, further comprising: a communication flow passage leading from the  
5 pressure generating chamber to the nozzles;

wherein the communication flow passage is narrower than the width of the pressure chamber.

4. The inkjet recording head according to claim 3, wherein  
10 a part of the communication flow passage is located outside a side wall face of the pressure generating chamber.

5. The inkjet recording head according to claim 1, wherein  $C_p$  is chosen to be about double  $N_p$ , where the distance between  
15 the central lines of the first and second pressure generating chambers is  $C_p$  and the distance between the nozzles is  $N_p$ .

6. The inkjet recording head according to claim 1,  
wherein the piezoelectric element has a piezoelectric  
20 material and an electrically conductive material laminated alternately; and

one end of the piezoelectric element is fixed to at least one base board having electrical conductivity.

25 7. The inkjet recording head according to claim 6, wherein

the piezoelectric element is fixed to the base board and then divided like a comb.

8. The inkjet recording head according to claim 1, wherein  
5 the pressure generating chamber is formed of silicon by etching.

9. The inkjet recording head according to claim 3, wherein  
the rigidity of a partition wall between the adjacent nozzles  
and the communication flow passage is smaller than the rigidity  
10 of a partition wall between the adjacent pressure generating  
chambers.

10. The inkjet recording head according to claim 1,  
wherein the inkjet recording head is a line scan head  
15 which has the nozzles arranged in the row and which is fixed  
while a printing is performed; and

the total number of nozzles  $N$ , the distance between nozzles  
 $N_p$  (inch), the printing resolution  $D_p$  (dots/inch), and the width  
of the line scan head  $W_h$  (inch) satisfy following formula:

20  $W_h < \sin\{\arccos(N_p/D_p)\} \times \{(1/D_p) \times (N-1) + 1/N_p\}.$

11. An inkjet recording apparatus comprising:

a nozzle plate having nozzles for discharging ink droplets  
arranged in a row;

25 a plurality of pressure generating chambers communicating

to the nozzles, the plurality of pressure generating chambers including a first pressure generating chamber and a second pressure generating chamber;

5 a diaphragm formed on one face of the pressure generating chamber;

a common ink chamber for supplying the ink via an ink supply passage to the plurality of pressure generating chambers; and

10 a piezoelectric element for displacing the diaphragm; wherein the first pressure generating chamber is disposed on one side of the nozzles arranged in the row, and a second pressure generating chamber is disposed on the other side; and

the first and second pressure generating chambers are opposed to each other across the nozzles arranged in the row  
15 so that the central lines of the first and second pressure generating chambers are almost coincident.

12. The inkjet recording apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the central line between the adjacent nozzles  
20 and the central line between the first and second pressure generating chambers are almost coincident.

13. The inkjet recording apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising: a communication flow passage leading from  
25 the pressure generating chamber to the nozzles;

wherein the communication flow passage is narrower than the width of the pressure chamber.

14. The inkjet recording apparatus according to claim 13,  
5 wherein a part of the communication flow passage is located outside a side wall face of the pressure generating chamber.

15. The inkjet recording apparatus according to claim 11,  
wherein  $C_p$  is chosen to be about double  $N_p$ , where the distance  
10 between the central lines of the first and second pressure generating chambers is  $C_p$  and the distance between the nozzles is  $N_p$ .

16. The inkjet recording apparatus according to claim 11,  
15 wherein the piezoelectric element has a piezoelectric material and an electrically conductive material laminated alternately; and

one end of the piezoelectric element is fixed to at least one base board having electrical conductivity.

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17. The inkjet recording apparatus according to claim 16,  
wherein the piezoelectric element is fixed to the base board and then divided like a comb.

25 18. The inkjet recording apparatus according to claim 11,

wherein the pressure generating chamber is formed of silicon by etching.

19. The inkjet recording apparatus according to claim 13,  
5 wherein the rigidity of a partition wall between the adjacent nozzles and the communication flow passage is smaller than the rigidity of a partition wall between the adjacent pressure generating chambers.

10 20. The inkjet recording apparatus according to claim 11,  
wherein the nozzle plate, the plurality of pressure generating chambers, the diaphragm, the common ink chamber and the piezoelectric element is accommodated by a line scan head that is fixed while a printing is performed; and

15 the total number of nozzles  $N$ , the distance between nozzles  $N_p$  (inch), the printing resolution  $D_p$  (dots/inch), and the width of the line scan head  $W_h$  (inch) satisfy following formula:

$$W_h < \sin\{\arccos(N_p/D_p)\} \times \{(1/D_p) \times (N-1) + 1/N_p\}.$$

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a plurality of pressure generating chambers communicating to the nozzles, the plurality of pressure generating chambers  
25 including a first pressure generating chamber and a second

pressure generating chamber;

a diaphragm formed on one face of the pressure generating chamber; and

a piezoelectric element for displacing the diaphragm;

5        wherein the first pressure generating chamber is disposed on one side of the nozzles arranged in the row, and a second pressure generating chamber is disposed on the other side; and

10        the first and second pressure generating chambers are opposed to each other across the nozzles arranged in the row so that the central lines of the first and second pressure generating chambers are almost coincident.